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THE AVENGERS

BLOOD HUNT

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THIS
IS AN
AVENGERS
PRIORITY
ALERT.

AVENGERS
CHIEF CAROL DANVERS,
CAPTAIN MARVEL, HAS
TASKED ME WITH PUTTING OUT
THE CALL FOR MORE
AVENGERS.

IF YOU'VE
RECEIVED THIS
MESSAGE, IT MEANS
THAT I NEED YOU
TO STEP UP.

IDENTIGARD
TRACKING WILL
BRING YOU TO MY
LOCATION.



BE
PREPARED FOR
VAMPRES.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE.

CAPTAIN
AMERICA,
OUT.

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE AVENGERS

Vampires have descended upon the Earth! With the planet shrouded in perpetual night, vampires are more powerful than ever—and it's up to the Avengers to stop them! But hordes of vampires and only seven Avengers means Captain Marvel knows it's time to call in the cavalry... **Avengers Assemble!**

"BLOOD HUNT" PART ONE

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THIS STORY TAKES PLACE DURING THE EVENTS OF BLOOD HUNT #1.

THERE'S SUPER
HEROES AND
SUPER VILLAINS.

I SUPPOSE I'M A
SUPER HERO. I'VE
WORN THIS COSTUME,
TAKEN ON THIS NAME,
FOUGHT VILLAINS
ALL ACROSS THIS
WORLD AND ANY
NUMBER OF OTHERS.

WITH THE
AVENGERS.
NO LESS.

BUT AT MY
HEART, I'M
A SOLDIER.

IT WAS ALL I
EVER WANTED
TO BE.

NOT BECAUSE I LIKE
WAR, OR FIGHTING
FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

BUT THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN A WORLD WHERE
THINGS EXIST THAT NEED
TO BE FOUGHT AGAINST.

AND THAT'S WHAT
I WANTED TO DO.

FIGHT AGAINST THE
THINGS THAT NEED
TO BE FOUGHT.

I'M A SOLDIER
WHICH MEANS I CAN
TELL YOU THIS.

WE'RE
AT WAR.

WHICH MEANS I
NEED AN ARMY.



EVERY TIME I
RETURN TO THIS WORLD,
I FIND IT IN PERIL.

THAT IS NO
GREAT WORRY.

FOR HERCULES
IS THE MATCH OF
ANY PERIL.

HAHA!
CAPTAIN AMERICA,
THE PRINCE OF
POWER NEEDS
YOUR CALL!

COME THEN,
STRIGES!

I HAVE LIVED VERY,
VERY LONG AND
HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD FLICKER
TIME AND AGAIN.

AND EVERY TIME,
HERCULES HAS
BEEN THERE TO
MEET THAT WHICH
WOULD
EXTINGUISH IT.

COME AND
RECEIVE THE
GIFT OF
BATTLE!

IF THIS BE
THE CRISIS THAT
FINALLY SNUFFS
IT OUT...

NO!

THE
SUN-HIGHER
SWORD OF APOLLO
IS A CRUEL BLADE,
IS IT NOT?

...THEN I WILL
MEET THAT FINAL
DARKNESS AS
AN AVENGER.

RAY

SPEAKING OF
APOLLONIAN--
AN ARROW FROM
THE HEAVENS!



THEY SAY THAT THE SHORTEST
DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO
POINTS IS A STRAIGHT LINE.

BUT THAT'S
NOT HOW
ARROWS TRAVEL.

HAWKEYE,
CLOCKING IN!

—NOTHING COVERS
ME. TARGETS
ARE ALL AT—

THERE'S ALWAYS
AN ARC.

AND THAT'S MY
LIFE. UP AND
DOWN. NEVER IN
A STRAIGHT LINE.



STRAIGHT LINES
ARE EASY. POINT
AND SHOOT.

BUT AN ARC IS
COMPLICATED. ALIVE
UNPREDICTABLE.

COME ON,
COME ON...



AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
I'M REMINDER OF THE BIGGEST
POINT OF COMPARISON.

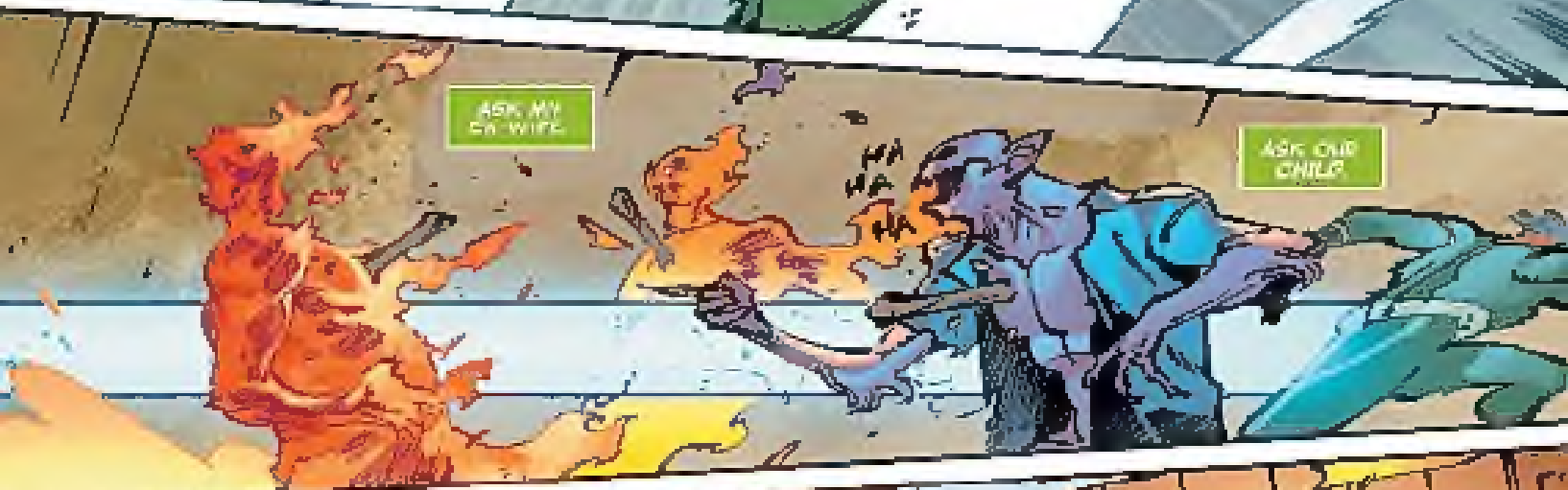
AN ARROW'S
ARC ENDS. SO
DOES A LIFE.



SO WE'RE
DOING THIS AGAIN,
ARE WE?

MY "FATHER"
IS A RASTARD.

AND I TAKE
AFTER HIM.



ASK MY
EX-WIFE.

ASK OUR
CHILD.



THERE IS ONE
PERSON LEFT
WHO LOVES ME.

MY SISTER, THE SCARLET
WITCH, A PRISONER OF
THOSE WHO HAVE DONE
THIS TO THE WORLD.

SO I JOIN
MY OTHER FAMILY,
THE AVENGERS.

AND I WILL AS MANY
HAMMERS AS I CAN UNTIL
I AM ABLE TO REACH THOSE
WHO HAVE TAKEN MY SISTER.



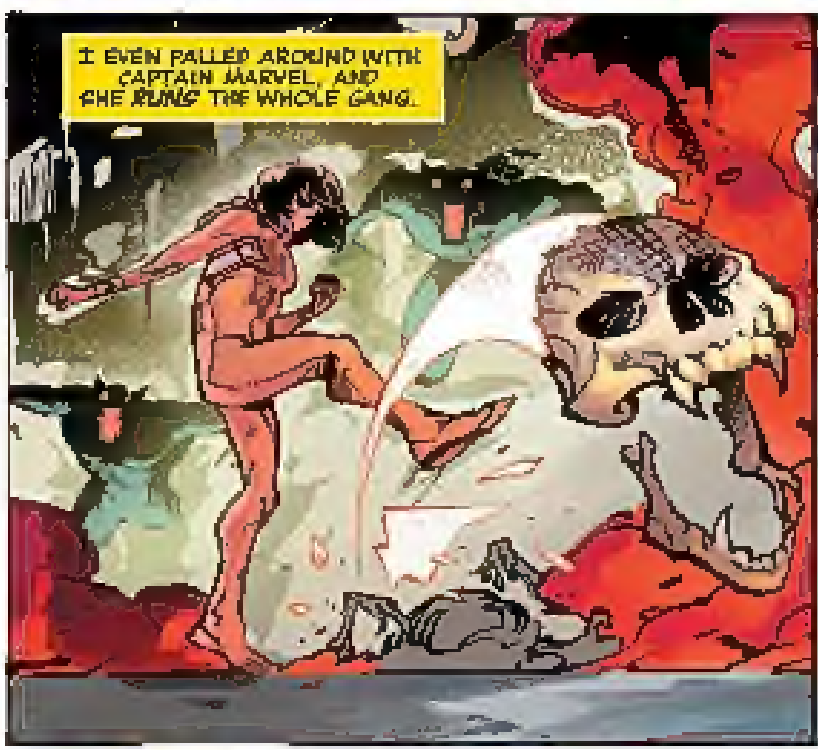
I GUESS IT
WAS ALWAYS
GOING TO
COME TO THIS.

CHUCKING
HAZARDOUS
RADIATION AT
VAMPIRES
UNDER AN
ETERNAL NIGHT.

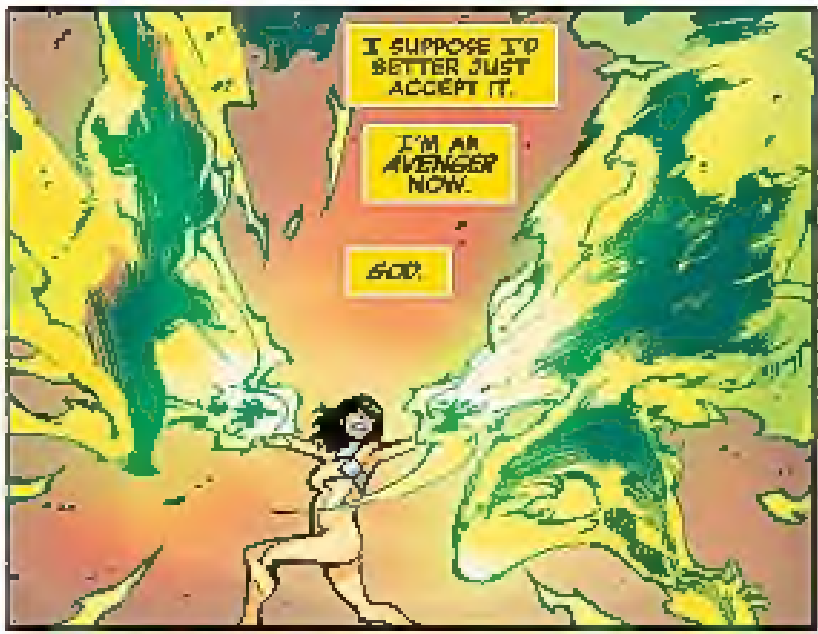


I MEAN,
I WENT TO
SCHOOL
FOR IT, FOR
GOD'S SAKE.

FOUGHT THE
MASTERS OF
EVIL, NO LESS.



I EVEN PALLED AROUND WITH
CAPTAIN MARVEL, AND
SHE RUNS THE WHOLE GANG.



I SUPPOSE I'D
BETTER JUST
ACCEPT IT.

I'M AN
AVENGER
NOW.

GOD.

AVENGERS!
SOUND OFF!

HAZMAT
REPORTING
ALL CLEAR! SIR,
YES, SIR!

Turns out
if you tweak
U.V. radiation *just*
right, it's the next
best thing to
sunlight.

I'M
GOOD.

I AM
VICTORIOUS!

I AM
IMPATIENT.

OUTSTANDING.

SOME OF
YOU HAVE WORKED
TOGETHER BEFORE, SOME
OF YOU HAVEN'T, BUT YOU'VE
ALL BEEN AVENGERS
BEFORE, IN ONE FORM
OR ANOTHER.

YOU KNOW
TO WATCH EACH
OTHER'S BACKS.
WE'RE GOING TO
NEED THAT.

THANK YOU
FOR COMING
WHEN I
CALLER.



YES, ANSWERED YOUR AVENGERS PRIORITY ALERT.

EVEN THOUGH SOME OF US HAVE FAMILY IN PERIL.

SO WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHY I'M HERE WITH YOU INSTEAD OF TRYING TO SAVE MY SISTER?



I'M ASKING FOR YOUR PATIENCE, PETER.

AND I'VE KNOWN YOU LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW HOW BIG AN ASK THAT IS.



THE SKIES ARE DARK. VAMPIRES HAVE ATTACKED IN FORCE.

THE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN HIT HARD. THEY'RE REGROUPING TO HIT BACK AND HOPEFULLY END THIS--AND SAVE THOR, THE BLACK PANTHER AND THE SCARLET WITCH IN THE DEAL.



THEY'RE DOING THEIR JOB.

BUT THEY NEED US TO DO OURS.

PEOPLE NEED SAVING.



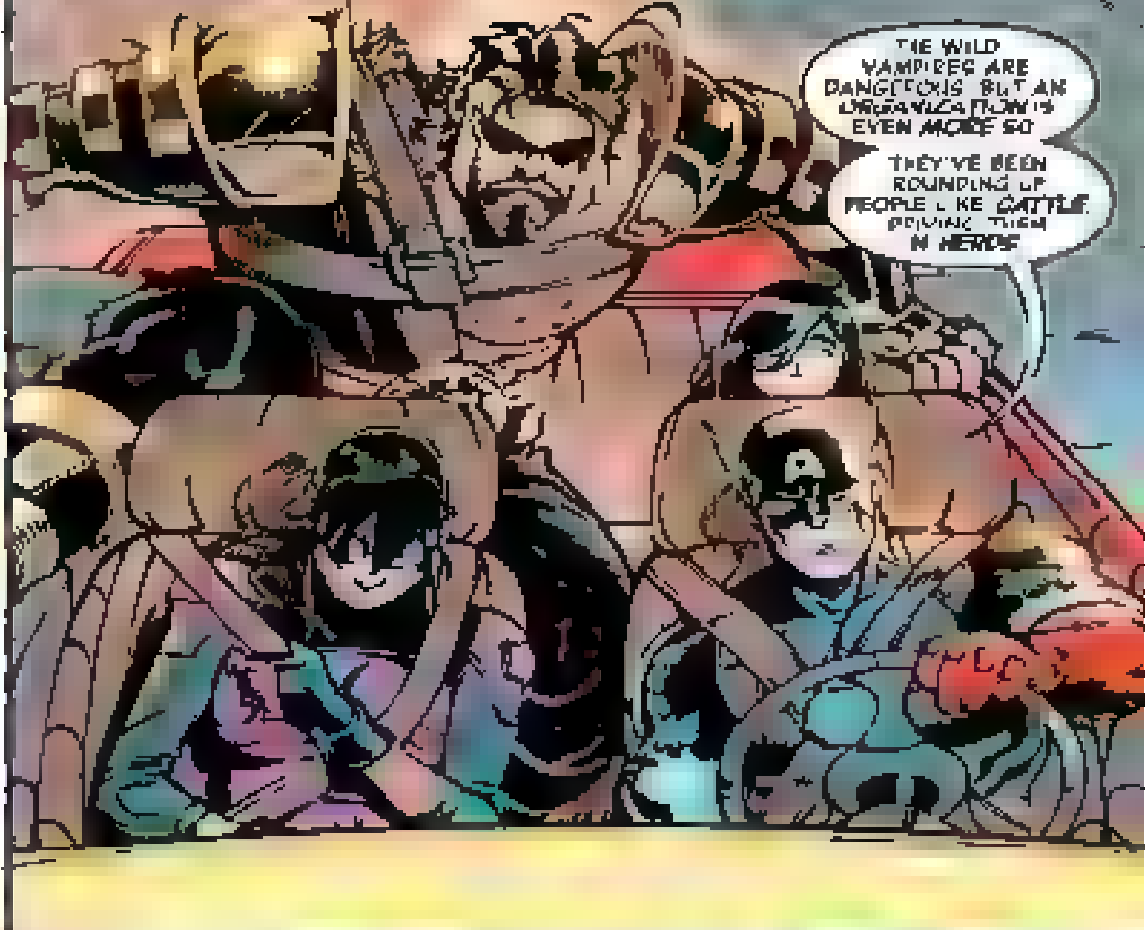
THEY NEED AVENGERS.



THE VAMPIRES
WE'VE SEEN HAVE
BEEN FEARING JACKS...
THEY'RE NOT ORGANIZED
BEYOND CAUSING
CHAOS AND FEAR.

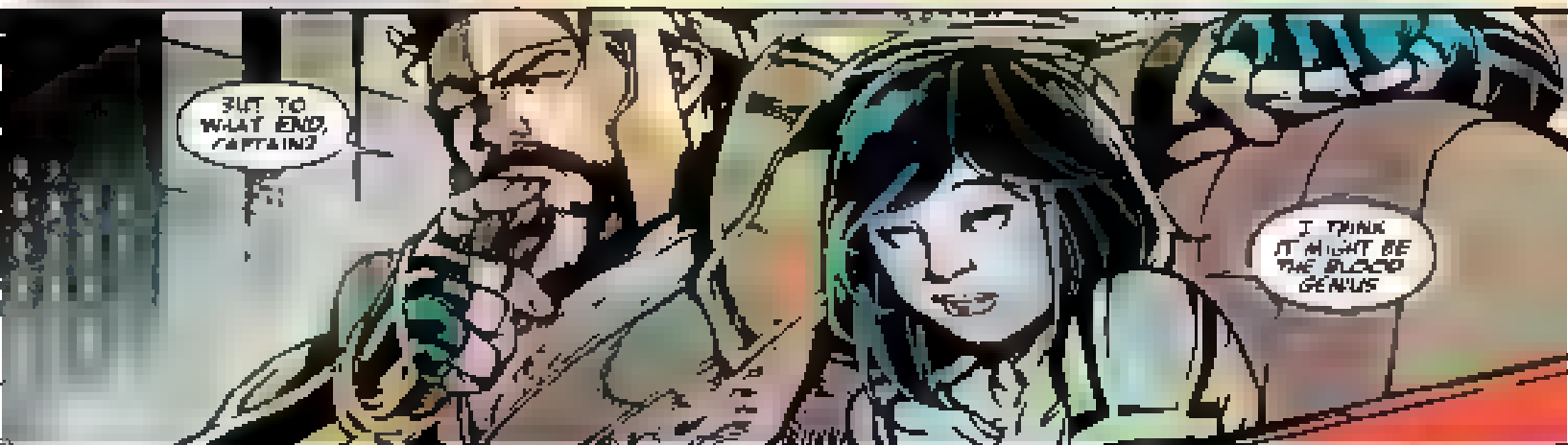
WHICH
SERVES THE PURPOSE
OF WHOEVER
STARTED THIS.

BUT
THERE'S ALSO
AN ORGANIZED
FALCON AT
WORK.



THE WILD
VAMPIRES ARE
DANGEROUS, BUT AN
ORGANIZATION IS
EVEN MORE SO.

THEY'VE BEEN
ROUNDING UP
PEOPLE LIKE CATTLE,
DRIVING THEM
IN HERDS.



BUT TO
WHAT END,
CAPTAIN?

I THINK
IT MIGHT BE
THE BLOOD
GENIUS.



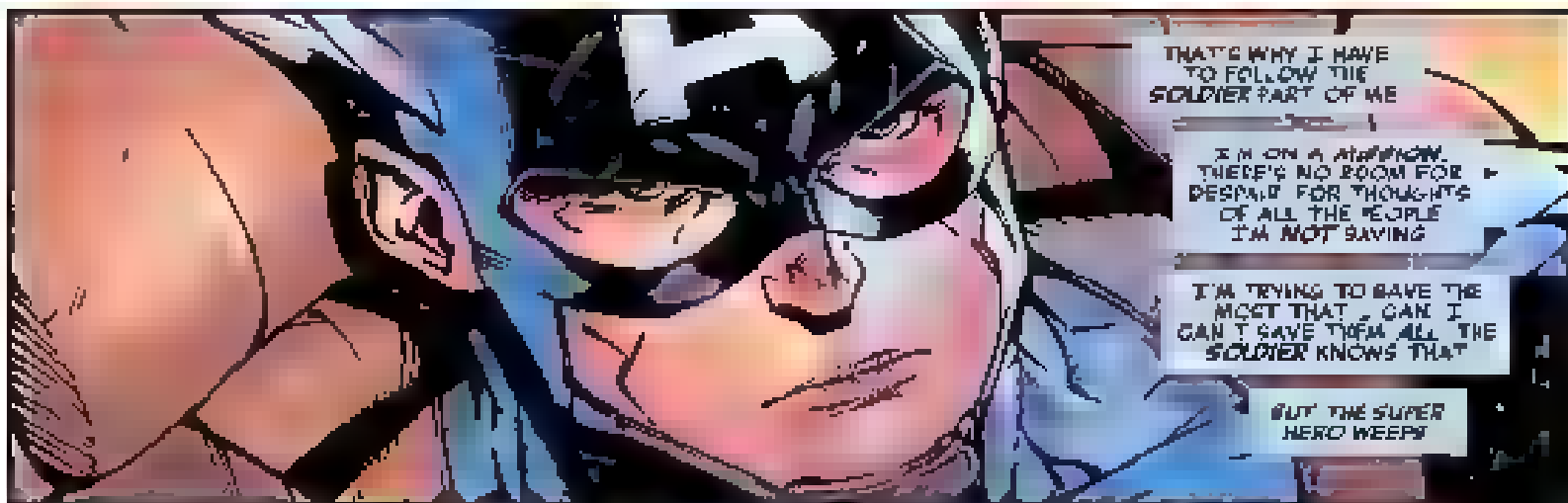
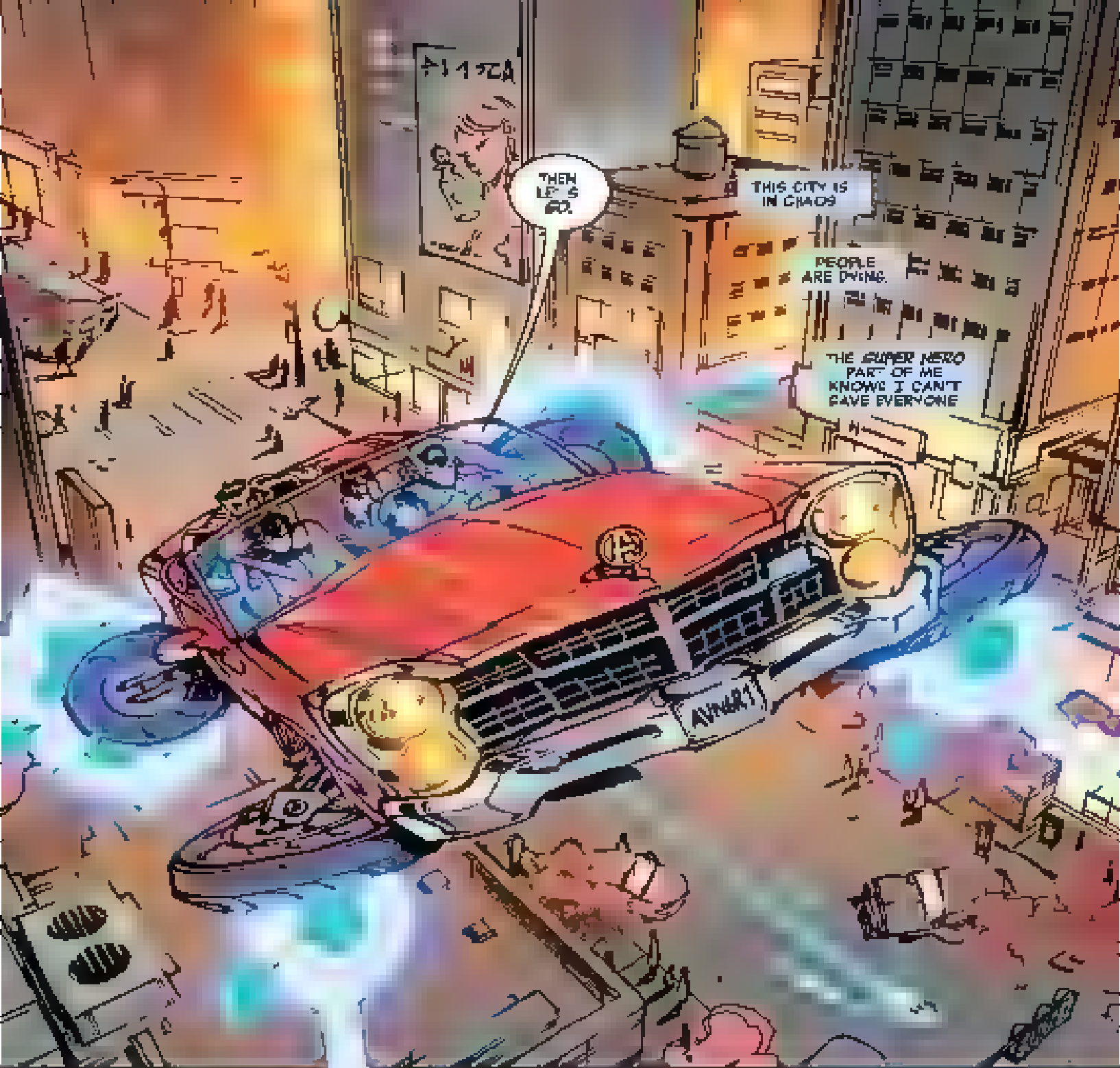
THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE GOING
TO FIND OUT
AERO.

THOUGH YOU
DO THINK IT
MIGHT BE THE
BLOOD GENIUS.



PIETRO I
BELIEVE THAT
YOU'RE FASTER
ON FOOT.

YOU BELIEVE
CORRECTLY.

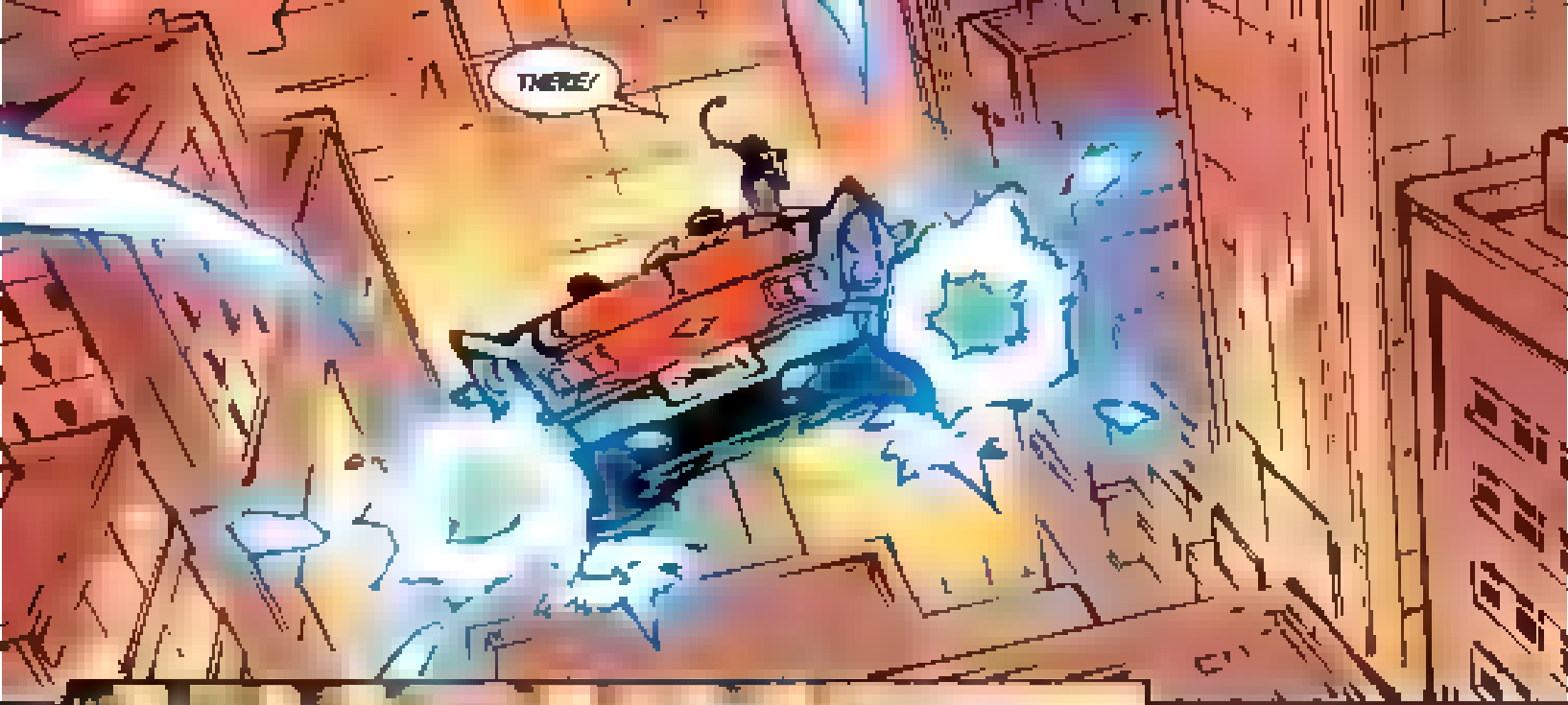


THAT'S WHY I HAVE
TO FOLLOW THE
SOLDIER PART OF ME

I'M ON A MISSION.
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR
DESPAIR OR THOUGHTS
OF ALL THE PEOPLE
I'M NOT SAVING

I'M TRYING TO SAVE THE
MOST THAT. CAN I
CAN'T SAVE THEM ALL THE
SOLDIER KNOWS THAT

BUT THE SUPER
HERO WEeps



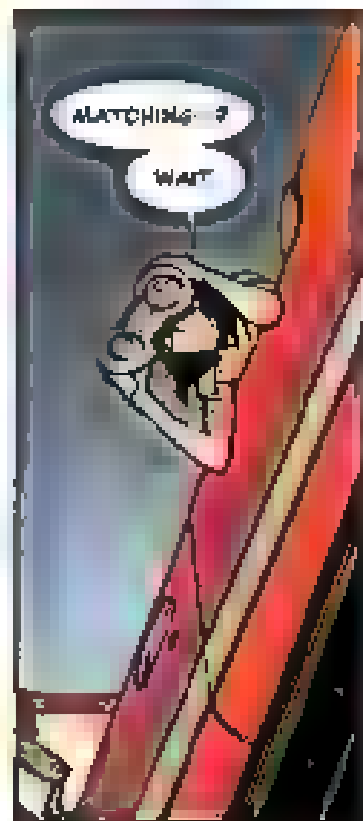
THERE!



YOU
FOUND
THEM?

IRON
MAN,
CAP, IT'S
RIGHT
THERE IN
THE
NAME

AND MEAN
BUNCH OF VAMPIRES
IN MATCHING OUTFITS
HERDING PEOPLE
TOGETHER?



MATCHING?

WAIT



ARE
THOSE NAZI
VAMPIRES?



THE WORLD
MAY BE ENDING

AND I KNOW
I SHOULD BE
FRIGHTENED

MAYBE I
WOULD BE IF IT
WERE TRUE AND

THAT'S THE
THING ABOUT
BEING A SLAYER

YOU'RE NEVER
ALONE Y'LL ALWAYS
BE COMING TO
SUPPORT US WITH
YOUR COURAGE

THAT'S ALSO THE
THING ABOUT BEING
AN AVERAGE

THROW
YOURSELF
I CAN'T SEE
WHY NOT??

GET
YOURSELF
A CAT

AND I KNOW WELL IF
THEY AREN'T YOUNG
AND NOT A CAT
A CAT IS A CAT
ACADEMY TRILLIATE
WHAT HAVE YOU

THEY'RE FIGHTING
AS A TEAM ALREADY

NUCLEAR
WITCHHEAD
FOR A
VAMPIRE

WHAT-

WHAT IS
WRONG WITH YOUR
SHIELD? IT'S NOT
FLYING RIGHT

THIS ISN'T
MY USUAL ONE
IT'S NOT AS WELL MADE,
SO IT DOESN'T FLY QUITE
AS TRUE. BUT I'M
GETTING USED
TO IT

IT'S EDGED IN
SILVER. I HAD IT
MADE AFTER I WAS
TURNED INTO A
WEREWOLF

A
WEREWOLF?

IT
HAPPENS.
I MYSELF
WAS TURNED INTO
A SPIDER-MAN
ONCE.

THIS IS A
TERRIBLE JOB.
I'M QUITTING

HEY!

DOES
ANYONE ELSE
WANT TO KNOW
WHERE THE NAZI
VAMPIRES CAME
FROM?

NAZI
VAMPIRES. WHAT'S
THE DIFFERENCE?

PARADES
OBSESSED WITH
IT -

URKY!

ON THE
CONTRARY,
MUTIE

ACTUALLY--

WE
REPRESENT
A CONSISTENT
IDEOLOGY.

A MASTER
RACE, PUTTING THE
UNDER-MEN WHERE
THEY DESERVE TO BE
AS LIVESTO--

==GNN==

NM

WELL

LOOKS LIKE I GOT
THE HANG OF IT
AFTER ALL

WGH

ALL OF THIS
THE FAULT OF
ATLANTIS.

PULL

THEY HAD TO
TRANSCRIBE THE
DARKHOLD. DIDN'T
THEY? THEY HAD TO
CREATE THE FIRST
VAMPIRE.

AND NOW
LOOK WHAT'S
HAPPENED

LET'S NOT
GET CARRIED
AWAY

I'VE KNOWN
GOOD VAMPIRES.
PEOPLE WHO NEVER ASKED
FOR THIS CURSE. WHO DON'T
INFLECT THEIR PAIN AND
HUNGER ON OTHERS

BUT I'VE
NEVER KNOWN
A GOOD NAZI.

WELL, IT'S
NOT LIKE YOU
TURN INTO A
NAZI IF ONE
BITES YOU.

RIGHT?

NOT IN MY
EXPERIENCE
NO.

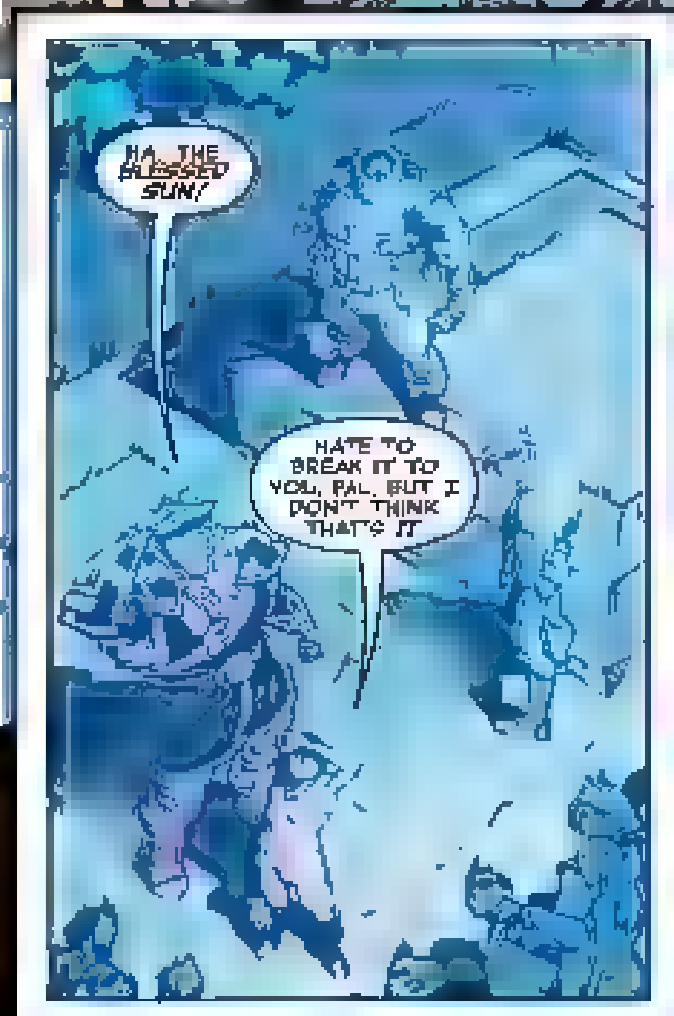
AND THAT'S.

THE BALL
GAME.



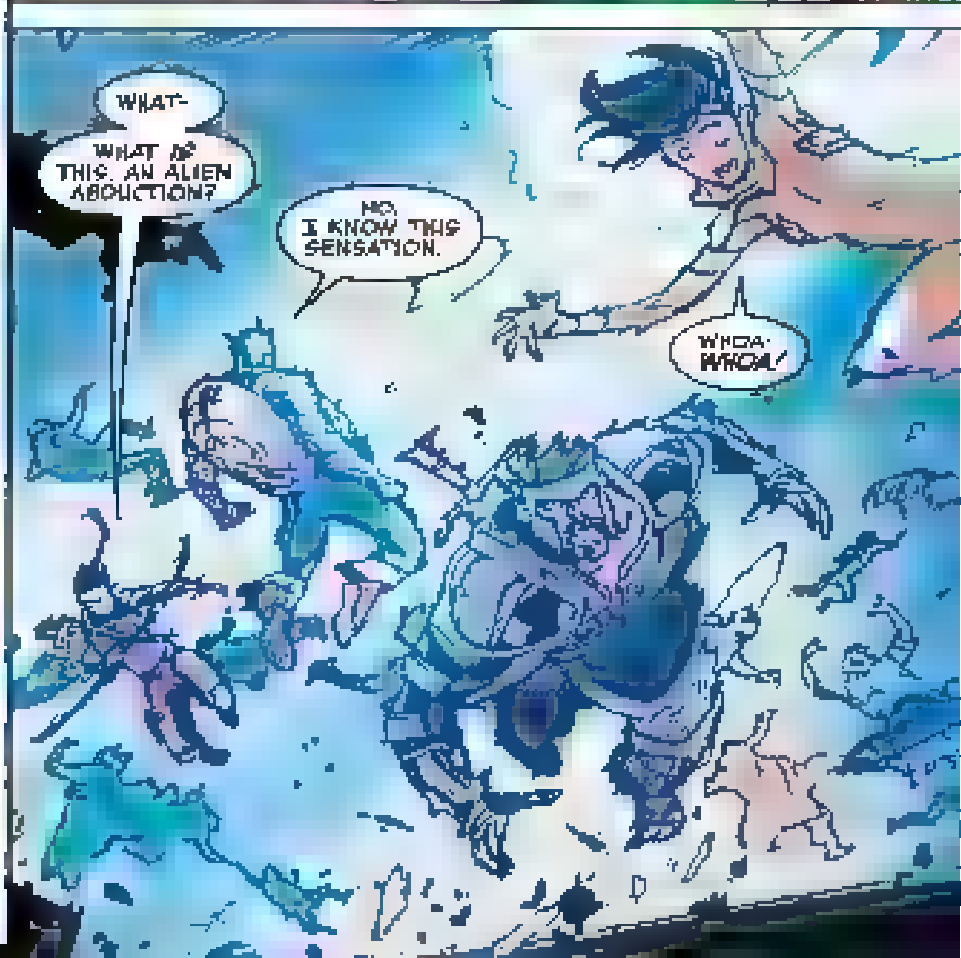
ALL
RIGHT

FOUR, WE'RE
GOING TO GET
YOU OUT OF HERE
AND SOMEWHERE
SAFE



HA, THE
BLESSED
SUN!

HATE TO
BREAK IT TO
YOU, PAL, BUT I
DON'T THINK
THAT'S IT



WHAT?

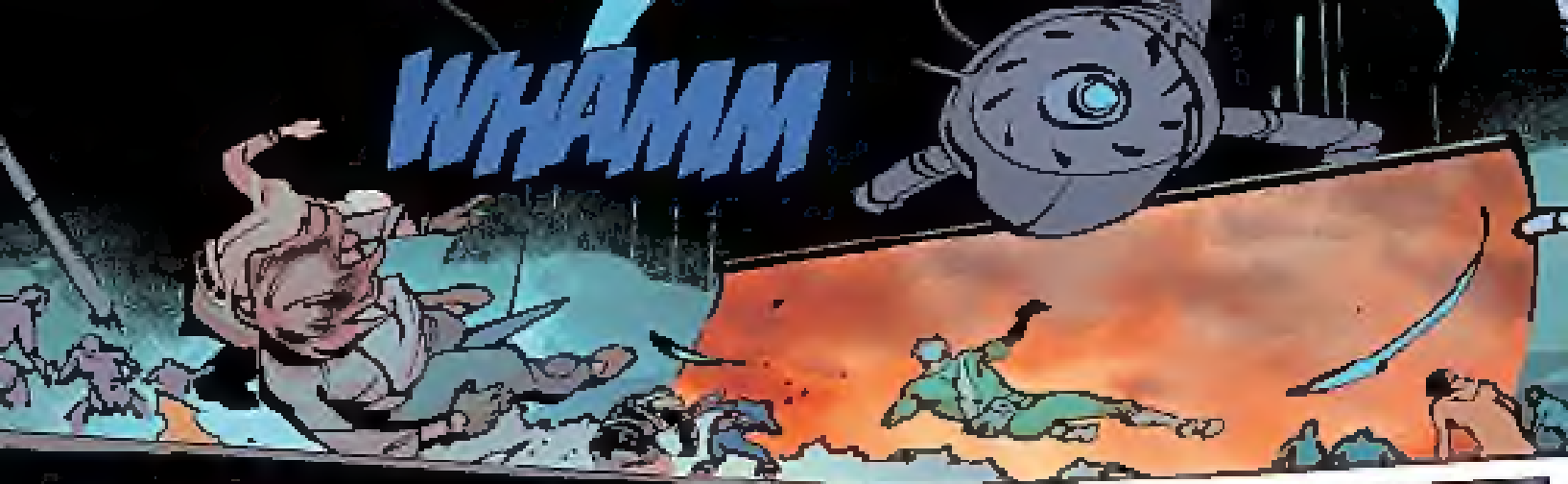
WHAT IS
THIS AN ALIEN
ABDUCTION?

NO,
I KNOW THIS
SENSATION.

WHOA-
WHOA!



T'G A
VORTEX
BEAM!



STAY SHARP,
AVENGERS!

FORM A
PERIMETER
AROUND THE
CIVILIANS—



A HELICARRIER.

WHERE THE
HELL DID A
HELICARRIER
COME FROM?

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT
I'LL TELL YOU
WHERE IT'S
GOING:

STRAIGHT
DOWN ONCE I
S.H.P. THE GATE
OUT OF IT.



A TRUE
WARRIOR'S
SPIRIT, I
GRANT YOU...

...BUT PERHAPS
A BIT PERILOUS
FOR THE CITY
BENEATH US?

AND FOR ALL
OF THE BLOOD
ABDUCTED BY US,
AND FOR US...

WELL...

I SUPPOSE
I SHOULD HAVE
EXPECTED YOU,
CAPTAIN
AMERICA.

YOU, I
KNEW IT WOULD
BE YOU.

EVERY TIME
I, OR SOMEONE
LIKE ME, HAVE TRIED TO
DELIVER THIS PARTICULAR
BABY INTO THE WORLD,
YOU HAVE BEEN THERE
TO KILL IT IN ITS
CRIB.

BUT THIS TIME,
CAPTAIN AMERICA...
NOBLE FASCISM WILL
BE BIRTHED IN AMERICA,
AND IT WILL BE ME WHO
WELCOMES IT INTO
THE WORLD.



YOU
SEE...
-IT'S IN MY
BLOOD.

**NEXT:
BARON BLOOD!!!**

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Hello, Avengers fans! New editor Wil Moss here, honored to be taking the reins of this legendary title from the equally legendary Tom Brevoort. Joined by the book's new assistant editor, Michelle Marchese (future legend), we're both thrilled to welcome C.F. Villa back as he and Jed reunite for this epic BLOOD HUNT tie-in! Who's your favorite member of this new temporary lineup? Write in and let us know! And speaking of BLOOD HUNT, be sure not to miss out on that killer event mini, as Jed has the regular Avengers lineup on the front lines of this vampire takeover! And Carol & co. aren't faring very well so far! (Maybe this new lineup won't be so temporary after all...) Okay, we'll start answering your letters next issue, but in the meantime, here's some of your latest missives!

Mister MacKay,

I'm loving this new chapter of Earth's Mightiest Heroes so far and am glad to see Edwin back in these pages. Now it feels like home again. You started this run off with my favorite Avengers villain, Kang – any chance my favorite Avenger, Hawkeye (Clint), can stop by for an extended visit?

And once again, Marvel teaches their readers valuable lessons. This time around, the possible dangers of eating corned beef in questionable establishments. Just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Thanks, Mr. Sweeny!

As always,
Make Mine Marvel
Rob Shalar, P.M.M., F.F.F.
Roanoke, VA

Hey, AVENGERS team,

I'm writing to tell you how much I really enjoyed the last issue of AVENGERS – it was amazing. The current Avengers team is also awesome with Captain Marvel as the leader. Also, nice job with the new HQ, the Impossible City. I hope Peter Parker, A.K.A. Spider-Man, gets to visit it one day. Once again, great job.

Tyler Ken

Hi there, AVENGERS team:

I am a 61-year-old gay Latino man. I disclose this because I have been reading Marvel comics since they cost fifteen cents. And through your comics, especially the Avengers and the Scarlet Witch/Vision romance, I found strength in my "difference" and knowledge to handle "hate." So I wanted to extend a gracious thank you for empowering me.

Now to the current volume roster:

Love it, love it, love it!

Obviously, Wanda & Vision are my loves. Their current relationship shows growth and maturity. The interactions of the members are honest and reflect their history as Avengers.

I truly enjoy reading it again!

Would love to see more Wanda and Carol interactions. And in this age of female empowerment, how about a return of the Lady Liberators?!

"Up against the wall, you male chauvinist pigs!" – now that's a battle cry!

BTW: AVENGERS #83 was the first comic I bought myself

Make Mine Marvel,
Joe Torres III
Lancaster, CA

Jed MacKay's (welcome) onslaught of creativity continues!!! So reminiscent of Mark Gruenwald's unique, clever concepts, abilities and adversaries.

I cannot wait for the oversized \$5.99 one-shot of STRANGE MARVEL TEAM-UP TALES OF THE GALAXY where the Impossible City meets the Midnight Mission to find the fate of (Star-Lord's) Ship. Why not? We have had Pet Avengers miniseries.

John Panno
Addison, IL

NEXT

#15

BLOOD HUNT TIE-IN!



Captain America and his ad hoc Avengers take on **Baron Blood** and his Helicarrier of vampires! But is this team prepared for sky-bound combat? And will they be able to return the civilian hostages to safety, or will the Blood Hunt turn into a bloodbath?